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Examiner: Thomas M. Hammond III**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims of the present application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as indicated below:

1. (currently amended): Electronic system for carrying out bank transactions through a telecommunications network for electronic bank transactions which comprises a central processing unit, a plurality of electronic terminals in which a user can carry out a bank transaction connected to said central processing unit through a communication channel, characterised in that it comprises

a betting processing unit connected to such a central processing unit, comprising a betting program in which in which a permutation procedure of the unique code, a randomising generation procedure and a betting program are memorised which allow a user who has carried out a bank operation in one of said terminals to carry out a monetary bet, through said terminal, the winning of such a bet being determined by the betting program, fed by said randomising procedure actuated by a unique code which is formed starting from the moment when the user decides to make said bet

(a) a partial unique code (67) starting from some data relative to a user and some data relative to a bank operation that said user is carrying out is generated;

(b) a code (70) is generated only at the moment when said user decides that to make a bet at the end of the carrying out of said bank operation, said code (70) being integrated with said partial unique code (67) to form an integrated partial unique code (67') which is formed into a permutation of such integrated partial unique code to form a final unique code (67''); and (c) feeding said final unique code (67'') to a randomising generator (68), the output of which is used by a betting procedure (69), which determines the

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winning, or not, of the user, according to betting criteria.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended): System according to claim 1, wherein said data relative to the said user comprises the ~~edename of the user's~~ secret code and the bank transaction number.

4. (currently amended): System according to claim 1, wherein said data relative to the bank operation comprises the time of the bank operation, the date of the bank operation, the type of operation, and the time passed from the start or from other steps of the operation, ~~the moment in which one decides to make a bet and a code entered if necessary by the user.~~

5. (original): System according to claim 1, wherein said betting processing unit comprises a memory (51) in which there is a database for memorising all of the bets made on each terminal (3) of the bank network.

6. (currently amended): Method for carrying out bank transactions through a telecommunications network for electronic bank transactions which comprises a central processing unit, a plurality of electronic terminals in which a user can carry out a bank transaction connected to said central processing unit through a communication channel, characterised in that said method comprises the steps of:

- receiving a user's instructions to carry out a bank operation from one of said terminals,
- carrying out such a bank operation,
- generating a partial unique code (67) from the moment in which said user decides to make a monetary bet,

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-integrating such partial unique code with a code (70) which is generated only in the moment when the user decides that he wants to make a bet at the end of the carrying out of the bank operation,

- doing a permutation of such integrated partial unique code and obtaining a final unique code (67'').

-feeding said final unique code to a randomising generator (68) the output of which is used by a betting procedure (69), which determines the winning, or not, of the user, according to betting criteria and which starts up a randomising procedure which feeds a betting program which, at the end of the banking operation on said terminal provides providing a printout relative to the bet that has been made.

7. (canceled)